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## PRESS RELEASE

DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: 12-30-02 / 2345 HOURS  
DATE/TIME OF OCCURRENCE: 12-30-02 / 1400 HOURS  
NATURE OF CALL: MISSING PERSON  
LOCATION OF CALL: CHRISTIAN VALLEY – PLACER COUNTY  
CASE NUMBER: SO-02-21118  
RELEASED BY: SERGEANT M. HARRIS

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### SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

Deputies responded to the Halsey Forebay reservoir in Christian Valley for a report of a missing adult male. The missing person, William Merle, 84-years old, was last seen walking along Bancroft Road. Mr. Merle had recent medical problems that caused concern for his safety.

The Placer County Sheriff's Department Search & Rescue units arrived and began an intensive search of the area using approximately 40 searchers. At 8:30 PM Mr. Merle was located in the Train Village area of North Auburn. Mr. Merle and his family were reunited and he was returned home safely.

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